

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL MOODY,)
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Plaintiff(s),) No. C 07-1017 MJJ (BZ)
)
v.) **INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER**
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LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.)
OF BOSTON, et al.,)
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Defendant(s).)
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All discovery in this matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.


In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder or a court reporter.

In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the parties must participate in a telephone conference with the

1 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.
2 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a
3 letter served on all parties not exceeding two pages (with no
4 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action
5 and the issues in dispute. Other parties may reply in similar
6 fashion within two days of receiving the letter requesting the
7 conference. The Court will contact the parties to schedule
8 the conference.

9 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
10 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the
11 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**
12 **Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688)**. A
13 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette
14 formatted in WordPerfect 6, 8, 9, 10 or WordPerfect X3 or may
15 be e-mailed to the following address: bzpo@cand.uscourt.gov

16 Dated: October 15, 2007

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18 Bernard Zimmerman
19 United States Magistrate Judge

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